GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AERO SPACE COMMAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether US plan to train two IAF officers in military use of space as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated July 31, 2005;

(b) if so, the officers selected therefor and duration of the training;

(c) whether the Government plans to set up a separate Aero Space Command;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the location identified therefor; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Two officers of the Indian Air Force; one Group Captain and one Wing Commander, have been selected to proceed to the United States of America on a familiarization visit of five days. This is, however, not a training course.

(c) to (e): The Government has been apprised of the need to set up an Aerospace Command. However, there is no decision of the Government to set up this Command, as yet.